

## Campus workers denied union rights

by Karen Bastow and Albert Nerenberg

The management of McGill Students' Society is harassing workers to stop them from unionising for better working conditions, according to Hughes Leduc, a lawyer representing a majority of the employees.

"You don't know how afraid they are" said Leduc. "They were afraid to form a union because administrators said, if the employees unionised, they would fire them all and open up the cafeteria under a new name."

Students' Society workers are employed in the main cafeteria in the union building and several other cafeterias around campus and in maintaining the Union Building.

62 per cent of Students Society workers have signed union cards. The workers have already applied for accreditation but John Feldman, the lawyer representing Students' Society, contested their application.

According to one worker, who refused to be identified for fear of losing their job, said "all we want is job security, seniority and humanity. Money is not the main issue."

"We just want to negotiate a contract," said another worker. "We will respect the financial ability of our employer."

No Students' Society employees have a contract.

"If they don't like your face, they make you do all the shit," said one worker.

In the last three years the employees have had a three per cent increase in salary. According to several workers, it was only when Students' Society Comptroller, John Shifman, found out that workers were trying to form a union that they were offered the increase.

Jean Doré, leader of the Montréal Citizen Movement's (MCM), who is also representing the workers, said that Feldman told him Students' Society is going to contest the union drive all the way to Québec Superior Court.

Doré said that Feldman told him he had been instructed by Students' Society to allow the union "under no circumstances".

Scott Keating, Club representative to Students' Society Council, who also sits on the Joint Management Council of Students' Society, said he "had no idea" that workers were attempting to form a union or that Students' Society was opposing it.

Many of the workers said working conditions are bad and are worsening and wages were

unfair and irrationally allocated without respect for seniority:

- One worker said she worked for two years at \$5.50 per hour and then this year had her salary lowered to \$5.35 per hour.

- One worker who has had her salary increase by \$1.50 in the 9 years that she has been an employee of Students' Society.

- Several employees work 8 1/2 hour shifts without breaks. One employee has worked 14 hours while only being permitted one 1/2 hour break.

- Workers said they are never paid time and a half for their overtime work. When one worker went to the Wage Control Board to file a complaint, Students' Society gave her overtime pay but told her not to tell any other workers she was getting it.

- Workers receive no health benefits or Dental Insurance.

- With few exceptions workers do not get sick pay.

One worker who has been trying to organise the union claim-

ed they had been harassed on numerous occasions by administrators and penalised with poor shifts and little assistance.

Working conditions have been declining in the last few years according to employees.

"The work is getting worse" said one employee. "The same number of people have to provide food for many more Students' Society cafeterias."

Students' Society recently opened up new cafeterias in the Arts building, the Union basement, and the Education building.

Employees are concerned with their future with Students' Society.

"We finish in April and we don't know if we're going to have a job in the fall" said one worker.

The employees are filing with the Commissaire Du Travail for accreditation with local 791 of the FTQ, this Tuesday. Leduc expects Students' Society to contest the accreditation.

## Council Exec. runs from ANEQ

by Jocelyne Lajoie and Jenny Beeman

Our student executive has a unique idea of what its relationship should be with the provincial student organisation that it "joined" last year.

McGill Students' Society (MSS) has been participating in L'Association Nationale des Etudiants-es du Québec (ANEQ) as a full voting member since the referendum passed last March on whether to join. The referendum said that \$5,000 was the most the MSS would set aside for membership dues. However, the referendum was non-binding.

While McGill has been active in ANEQ, it has not paid any membership fees this year, nor has it worked out an agreement to do so. According to MSS President Bruce Hicks, "We are definitely under no legal commitments." The executive wanted certain documents from ANEQ which he said they haven't received and they weren't willing to negotiate the financial arrangements without them.

Hicks said the ANEQ constitution did not allow for prospective membership fees. "We required a letter of intent (to explain the agreement), an enabling by-law to give us proof we have the right to do this (pay prospective member fees which are much less than those for full members), and their most recent financial statement." Hicks said.

The executive at ANEQ said

they do in fact have provisions for prospective members, but the fees decided on cannot be less than 25 per cent of that society's full fees. For McGill that would mean \$5,000.

And caught in the middle of this bureaucratic muddle are McGill students who have no idea that they belong to ANEQ.

In addition, Vice-President External Patrick Gagnon has said publicly that he wants the MSS withdraw from ANEQ (even though we haven't officially joined) and enter ANEQ's rival, Le Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU), a pro-PQ student association, which shies away from taking a stance on most political issues.

Gagnon's plans depend, of course, on Students' Society obtaining their fee increase. Without it, McGill will be unable to pay the \$30,000, or two dollars per full-time student, membership fees of RAEU. ANEQ fees are about \$15,000 or one dollar per student.

Gagnon maintains that "ANEQ's services are inadequate," and their approach of "syndicalisme de combat" is ineffective.

Ultimately, the decision of choosing between the two associations becomes a political one.

Many of the positions of the two associations are diametric opposites:

- ANEQ accepts members even if they cannot pay the normal



## Students question system

by Leela MadhavaRau and Moira Ambrose

"As bad as Apartheid is for men, it is that much worse for women, just in terms of the daily grind needed to keep going."

Thus, Stephanie Urdang, journalist and United Nations consultant on women and Apar-

theid, summarised the position of women under South Africa's codified system of racism. Speaking as part of the McGill South Africa Committee's "Anti-Apartheid Awareness Week", Urdang explained the legal mechanisms of Apartheid while stressing its affect on women.

Urdang said black South African women worked as domestic servants in white households or "farmed" their meagre gardens that are part of the 13 per cent of the country's land relegated to the African population of 24 million. The white population controls 87 per cent of the land.

Urdang, herself a white person raised in South Africa, spoke from personal experience. She recalled the domestic African servant women her family employed.

"There are one million domestic workers and 5 million whites, so virtually every family has a servant at their disposal. Domestic women develop relationships with white children because they don't have time to see their own children," she said.

"Live-in servants live in a shack attached to the back of the house. Her children can not live with her. She (the domestic) only has rights to live there herself. If the employer is generous, she might get one afternoon off a week, or a Sunday," she explained.

Urdang said the children of a domestic worker might live a two or three-hour bus ride away, making contact with their mother almost nonexistent.

With the erosion of agriculture when the black population was forced to densely occupy small portions of land, African women lost their social status as food providers for their families.

She said that in a good year only 23 per cent of the people in



# Students' Society ELECTIONS



TO BE HELD  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1984  
(ADVANCE POLLS - MARCH 6, 1984 - PLACES TO BE ANNOUNCED)  
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FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

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VICE-PRESIDENT, Internal Affairs  
VICE-PRESIDENT, External Affairs

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ONE GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE

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DENTISTRY  
EDUCATION  
ENGINEERING (incl. Architecture)  
LAW  
MANAGEMENT  
MEDICINE (incl. Nursing & P & OT)  
MUSIC  
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DEADLINE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1984 (See below)  
CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND NOMINATING PROCEDURES:

## EXECUTIVE

President — may be any member of the McGill Students' Society in good standing with the University except:  
i) partial students taking less than three courses  
ii) students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research who are non-resident students or full members of the teaching staff.  
Nominations must be signed by at least 100 members of the McGill Students' Society together with their year and faculty.  
Vice-Presidents, Int. & Ext. — same qualifications as for President. Nominations must be signed by at least 75 of the McGill Students' Society together with their year and faculty.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Candidates must be members of the McGill Students' Society and must be registered at McGill University as full-time students in good standing following the normal load of courses per year. Nominations must be signed by at least 75 members of the McGill Students' Society together with their year and faculty.

## SENATE

Candidates must be members of the McGill Students' Society and:  
1. be students in good standing who are registered full-time for a degree or diploma and have satisfied conditions for promotion in their previous year of studies,  
or  
2. be students in good standing who have satisfied conditions for promotion in the previous year of studies and who are registered in a degree or diploma program, but who are permitted by Faculty to undertake a limited program,  
or  
3. be students in good standing who are registered full-time or in a limited program for a degree or diploma, and who are repeating a year for reasons other than academic failure.  
Nominations must be signed by at least 50 members of the McGill Students' Society who are in the same faculty as the prospective candidate together with their year and faculty, or by 25% of the student enrolment in the faculty together with their year and faculty, whichever is the lesser of the two.

N.B. Students in Continuing Education are NOT members of the Students' Society.

OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENTS' SOCIETY GENERAL OFFICE, ROOM 105 3480 McTAVISH STREET.  
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the homeland of Transkei were able to grow enough crops to feed themselves. In situations such as southern Africa's recent drought, the South African government provides no financial relief to Africans.

Urdang emphasised the disruption of the family that results from Apartheid and the extra strain it puts on women already strained.

Black South African males must register with the government at the age of 16 to be hired as workers anywhere in the country. Men are under contract for a year or more and live in on-site housing while they are employed. They are not allowed to set up house with their families.

This cheap supply of labour is one of South Africa's attractions to foreign multi-national corporations operating in the country. Inevitably, it separates husband from wife and makes fathers strangers to their children, while laying the full burden of family well-being on women.

Often men working away from their families spend money needed at home on socialising and establishing a life near their work place.

According to Urdang, women recently "find it preferable to live in plastic tents or under pieces of corrugated iron to be with their men."

This means risking arrest to live in shanty-towns outside urban centres where men are employed.

Other events in the awareness week included a speech by Professor Allen Fenichel on the economics of Apartheid and divestment.

Fenichel drew a comparison between the United States prior to the Civil War and the situation in South Africa. While a one to one parallel is not possible, the economic basis for racial oppression is a common factor.

He supports the idea of divestment. "Investment and growth don't force integration, especially when coupled with the impoverishment of the blacks and the bantustan policy," he explained.

A panel discussion held Thursday night drew an audience of 60 people, the largest crowd of the week. McGill professors spoke on the effectiveness and attainability of divestment.

Professors Shingler and Taylor defended the present policy of investment in South Africa. Both argued that divestment will harm the blacks while accomplishing very little.

Professor Noumoff and Chengiah Ragavan from Concordia supported the divestment campaign. Ragavan was especially successful — he was imprisoned and banned in South Africa for a number of years.

Divestment is supported by the majority of South African blacks, a fact that has been public for twenty years.

The awareness week also featured political speeches from members of the Pan-Africanist Congress and the African National Congress, two South African liberation movements. McGill students seemed wary to attend these events and very willing to attend a less dynamic panel discussion by university professors. Politics apparently have no place in a university, but their discussion is intrinsic to the issue of Apartheid.

Ads may be placed through the Daily, Room B03, Student Union Building, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deadline is 2:00 p.m. two weekdays prior to publication.

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#### 385 — NOTICES

PGSS COUNCIL MEETING TIME CHANGE: Meetings will begin at 6:30 PM on Wednesday: February 15; March 14; April 11; and May 9 at Thomson House.

Needed are people interested in presenting Kandinsky's play "Yellow Sound." contact Phil 671-4102. Dimitri 844-0097. 1st meeting Saturday, Feb. 11, 7pm. 3545 St. Urbain, apt. 5.

McGill Yoga and Meditation Society presents: An Experiment in Meditation for People of All Backgrounds. Tuesdays 2:30 - 4:30 pm. Birks Bldg. (Religious Studies). 3520 University St., University Chapel, 2nd Floor.

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### Daily Publications Society

## ELECTIONS

TO BE HELD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1984

(ADVANCE POLLS - TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1984

PLACES TO BE ANNOUNCED)

Nominations are hereby called for the position of

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Four students must be elected to the Board of Directors from the student body at large.

Candidates must:

1. be members in good standing of the *Daily Publications Society*. (All members of Students' Society are members of the Publications Society.)
2. submit nomination forms with signatures of 20 students (with student numbers) as well as a penisketch of 100 words or less on or before 17:00 hrs, February 17, 1984.
3. not be staff members of or regular contributors to *The McGill Daily*.

Nomination forms may be picked up and returned to the McGill Daily office, room B03 in the Student Union Building,

**CATHERINE SHATZ**  
Chief Returning Officer

### Daily Publications Society



Referendum questions will be accepted by the Chief Returning Officer until Monday, February 20, 1984

A petition calling for the proposed referendum question must have the signatures, student numbers, and faculties of **not less than 500 members of the Daily Publications Society**. Not more than 40 per cent of the required names may come from students in any one faculty.

For further information, contact the Chief Returning Officer at 392-8922.

**CATHERINE SHATZ**  
Chief Returning Officer



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# THE MCGILL DAILY

## They may not be the best But they need money

The McGill Students' Society wants more money. The referendum they will present on February 15 and 16 is a reasonable request considering the financial stress of the times. It should be given student support, but not without an examination of how the Students' Society spent the money it has, and a re-evaluation as to the purpose of a student government.

On paper, the Students' Society is running a tight financial ship this year. The budget of the Society will have no deficit and included several cutbacks. The financial sea, however, gets a little choppy upon a closer examination of where financial resources were allocated and where they were cut.

Union building hours were cut. A managerial position consuming a salary of thousands of dollars was filled. Club budgets were viciously hacked — twenty groups applied for funding and only 13 were given money. Clubs even had to pay for rooms they used in the Union. Earlier this year, His Majesty Bruce Hicks spent \$750 on personal stationary bearing the seal of his office. All-night study was eliminated. Yet, the Society has enough money to hold a fee referendum in February, at an expected cost of \$4,000, when it could have saved this money and held the fee referendum with the general elections in March.

This established, the validity of their fee request might look dubious. Student governments, however, need to function and they need money to survive. McGill's Student Society is no exception. No matter how poorly executives allocated the money they had, all mismanaged funds added together would not have been enough to fulfill the demands of student groups and rising costs.

As well, and most importantly, a university needs a student government on principle. If we are not pleased with the people currently occupying Students' Society positions, the way to rectify the situation is not to let the Society sink financially, but to elect an executive who will use our money the way we want it used. Student governments provide invaluable services on campus and provide a check on the administration that no other student organisation has the credibility to challenge.

Students' Society has such force due to sheer numbers. Students' Council represents almost 20,000 students to the administration and outside organisations. It's a union of students elected by students to protect their interests and provide services decided upon by elected student representatives. The Society acts as a connecting link for all student groups on campus. It is a clearing house of ideas and decisions eventually presented to the administration and other student groups. Through the Society, we are joined with other students in Québec and can fight together against education cutbacks. This year Council has represented students politically by taking supporting stands on disarmament and divestment. And, yes, Students' Society does provide us with those all-important elements of beer and pizza.

Student governments are a check on the administration. Through Students' Society we are represented on the Board of Governors, in Senate, and on most of its committees. With Society support we have gained representation on departmental and faculty committees. Thus, we have a say in the academic operation of McGill.

This year's executive may not be the best one we've had, but impeding it financially is not the way to register complaints. Executive elections are for making changes and reforming. Financial support is for survival and belief in a principle.

Moira Ambrose  
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## HOUSE NOTES

Painted by opponents as Red, subversive revolutionaries, staff members of *The McGill Daily* will infiltrate to the farthest reaches of the university campus.

Starting today, *Daily* staffers will set up booths across McGill to give students the chance to debate the contents of the newspaper.

If you think the paper is too repetitive or its coverage too inflammatory, make suggestions to the staffers at the tables. If you think there is something missing from your student newspaper, come and let the *Daily* know.

As well, all students are invited to an Open Meeting to discuss the newspaper Wednesday February 15, at 15h00 in Room 310 of the Union building. Students wishing to making fees to the *Daily* Publications Society optional are especially urged to attend.

Until then staff members will be in the following buildings:

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- Arts, Tuesday, 11h00-13h00
- McConnell Engineering, Tuesday, 11h00-13h00
- Leacock, Wednesday, 11h00-13h00
- Music, Wednesday, 11h00-13h00
- Bronfman, Wednesday, 11h00-13h00

If none of these times or places are convenient, come and talk to the *Daily* any day this week from 12h00-14h00 in the lobby of the Union building.

Suzy Goldenberg



# McGill and RAEU: move to the right

by Pete Wheeland

The words "right-wing" and "left-wing" are being thrown around a lot lately in an attempt to describe a supposedly "new" phenomenon on Canadian campuses.

The Toronto Globe and Mail called it a "rising tide of pragmatism" and McGill University was described as being one of the headquarters of a "new-right". McGill student society is questioning its membership in the "left-wing" Association Nationale des Etudiants et Etudiantes du Québec (ANEQ). McGill Students' Society (MSS) Vice-President External Patrick Gagnon, we are told, is now attempting to once again switch the MSS's alliance to the "right-wing" Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU).

Real student associations and real student movements are never "right-wing". The real distinction that should be made between ANEQ and RAEU or the MSS and, for example, the student association at the UQAM (is one of democracy and activism. Supposedly "right-wing" student associations are in fact merely undemocratic and inactive. "Left-wing" associations are democratic and active.

The "apathy" at McGill is not a function of a disinterested student population but rather a disinterested and uninteresting student society. The MSS has rarely seen itself as being responsible for stimulating discussion or understanding of educational issues among the student population, but rather it limits its role to "lobbying" professors and administrators in structured forums such as the Senate or Board of Governors.

The MSS's presence in ANEQ is somewhat at odds with this philosophy. ANEQ believes that true "representativity" does not begin and end with student election, but rather that representativity is established through constant contact and consultation with the students in our institutions. The mere fact of being elected does not give student representatives a carte blanche and a divine right to speak on behalf of all students. Responsible student representatives are also obliged to seek out and listen to student opinion. The best way to accomplish this is through animating these discussions, by holding public meetings, launching information campaigns and by providing all students with an opportunity to participate in the formation of major policy. But this is not the style of "right-wing" associations. Openly participatory democracy is something that only the "left" follows.

The clearest illustration of this is seen in the title used to

describe student associations. The MSS is a student "government" while most CEGEP student associations refer to themselves as student "unions." A government's major aim is to govern the people it represents while a union seeks to promote and defend the rights and interests of its members. The titles accurately reflect the orientations of these associations. It is here we find the distinction between "left" and "right."

Even if we accept, which I don't, that McGill students are basically conservative, that does not indicate that a conservative student "government" best reflects their aspirations. Logically, McGill students won't be better served by a "right-wing" provincial student association either. Why? Because the purpose of a right-wing association has little to do with defending members' rights — rather it is preoccupied with keeping students entertained, with running the association "like a business," with appearing "reasonable" when talking to administration representatives, etc. Right-wing associations are more concerned with how they appear to the "authorities" than how they appear to students. Their lame excuse for monopolising student "power" and the ability to speak for students is student apathy.

I, for one, have never accepted apathy as being anything but a product — an unwillingness or inability of a student association to provide the information and opportunities for students to become interested and involved. You can't accuse someone of not caring when you haven't taken the time to explain why anyone should care. "Apathy," therefore, is just a reflection of an inactive association. Either that or the track record of the association leaves students with the belief that fighting town hall is a waste of time and energy.

Although the MSS philosophy is at odds with the democracy and debate seen in ANEQ member associations, this in no way means that McGill students don't fit in with other student members of ANEQ. Students at McGill need and deserve the same rights as all Québec students. They need a local association that seeks out and respects their involvement and opinions; they need to be fully informed about government policies that affect their living and studying conditions and above all, they deserve a provincial student association which actively promotes their rights and interests.

"Right-wing" associations provide circuses, "left-wing" associations fight for bread. The choice you make depends on whether you are more concerned with your education or

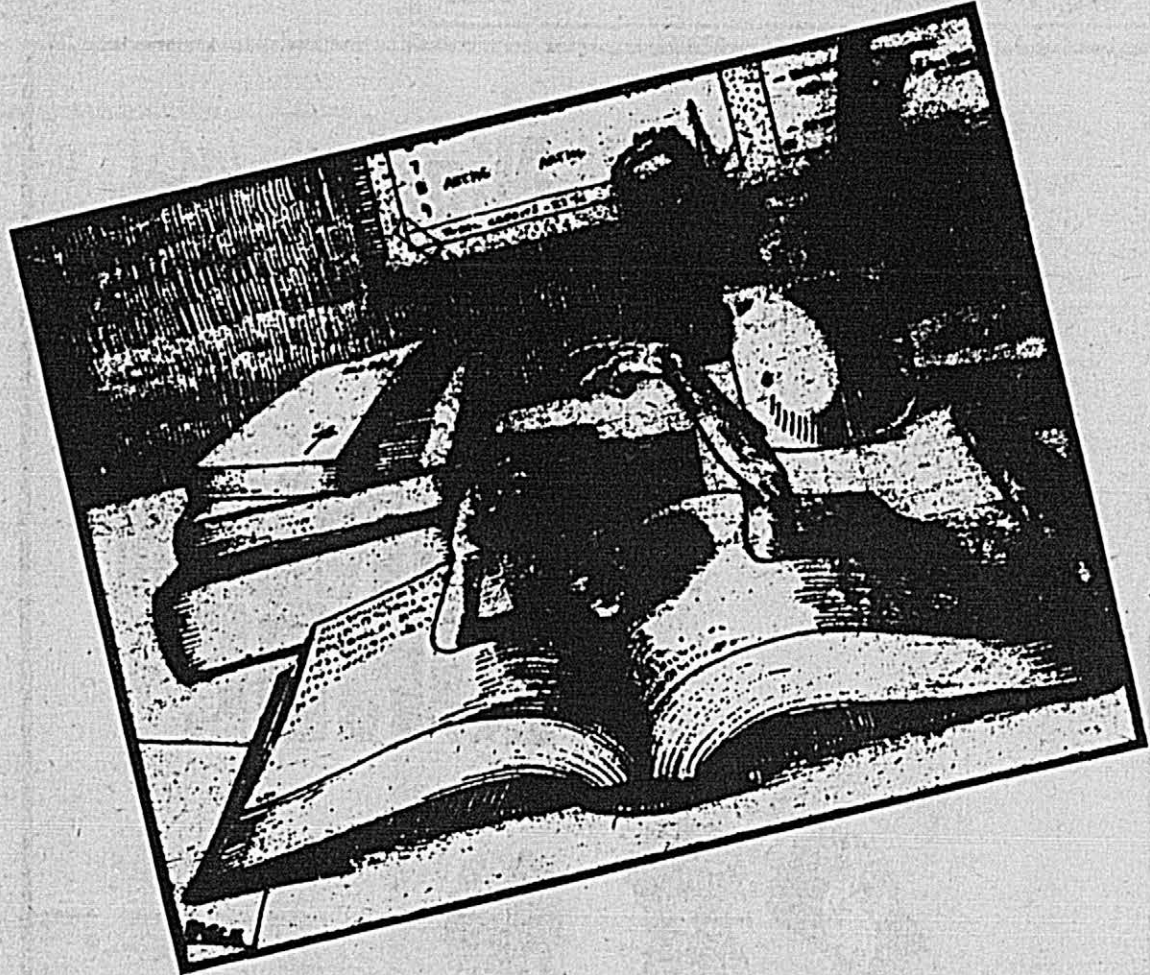
you are more concerned with being entertained between classes.

In the up-coming student movement referendum you'll be given a choice between bread and circuses at the provincial

level. What you get at the local level is entirely up to who you elect to the MSS executive. But in both cases, the most important thing you can do is demand real debate and real information. As Pierre Trudeau once

said, "the penalty for not getting involved in politics is to be ruled by people who are more stupid than you are."

*Pete Wheeland is the Secretary of Information at L'Association Nationale des Etudiants-es du Québec.*



## Women fight to be heard

**PETERBOROUGH (CUP)** — A few women with tape over their mouths sit in a circle in the middle of a large room. They are surrounded by almost six times as many men.

They are at the opening plenary session of the January conference of the Ontario region of Canadian Federation of Students and they are protesting the small number of women taking part in the conference.

CFS-Ontario has moved backwards in its attitude towards the participation of women in the organisation.

As a result of the women's protest, attempts were made later in the conference to address the problem of women being alienated from the organisation, and an affirmative action committee was established.

Unfortunately, the committee was hindered at the outset because federation members felt they should not be expected to undergo "interrogation" over the lack of women in their delegations.

The committee members argued that when a council sends 80 to 100 per cent men to conferences over a period of four to five years, the organisation is entitled to ask if they are attempting to get women involved in their council.

As women had little representation at the conference, the committee proposed a new speakers rule that would rotate speaking rights between men and women. The motion was defeated.

Similar speaking rules, aimed at giving women equal representation in debates, have already been instituted by women in other student organisations such as Association nationale des étudiant(e)s du Québec (ANEQ), and Canadian University Press (CUP).

When a motion to institute the alternative speakers rule was brought forward to the conference, debate was pointed, with members of the affirmative action committee being branded as "radical feminist leftists."

Teresa Legrand of Trent University moved the motion, arguing it would be necessary to institute it even if there were equal numbers of men and women at the assembly, as men dominate discussions regardless of their numbers.

"Women tend to want to think more about what they are going to say before raising their hands to speak," says Legrand. "Men, often have the self-confidence to barrel ahead whether or not they know what they are going to say."

According to an announcement Friday night, students at the University of Toronto (U of T) will begin a divestment campaign similar to the one that has been underway at McGill for four years.

The announcement was made by Jabu Dube, a member of the African National Congress, a South African liberation group that has been operating outside the country since its banning in 1961. Dube said the U of T campaign was initiated in part due to the work of the McGill South Africa Committee, which is lobbying McGill's Board of Governors for divestment.

Both groups are part of student campaigns across North America urging university administrations to end financial ties with South Africa as a protest of its racist regime.

— M. Ambrose



## CO-PARENTING

Personal Experience Of A Male

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## ERRATUM

In the story "Dean says no to EUS", Feb. 10, 1984, Dean Stephenson was reported to have authorized the relocation of the EUS mud wrestling show. Although Dean Stephenson disapproves of the mud wrestling, he was not directly responsible for the relocation. The Daily regrets the error.

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Gagnon pointed to the fact that RAEU has a paid lobbyist in Québec as an example of the services that they provide.

ANEQ's Secretary of Information Pete Wheeland explained ANEQ's position of discussions with the government, but using the option of protests or strikes when the discussions are not working. These methods for action have been criticized by the MSS executive and RAEU.

"Advocates of lobbying watch too much American TV," Wheeland responded. "In Canadian politics, an MP is not going to be influenced by lobbyist because he has to vote the party line. You may get minor modifications. It's mostly information gathering."

Both associations have been receiving grants from the provincial government for the past three years. ANEQ's grants add up to 129,000 dollars while RAEU's add up to 150,000 dollars. For both associations the funding will end this year. So both have to start campaigns for new members.

When questioned about the possible loss of McGill as a full member of ANEQ, Wheeland said, "As far as losing McGill students, apart from the loss in revenue, they would be sorely missed."

"Our basic problem is with the MSS. They are our most undemocratic member. We work for associations that work closely with students. At McGill, discussions and debates don't often get beyond the closed doors. The MSS would have to become much more open to work at ANEQ."

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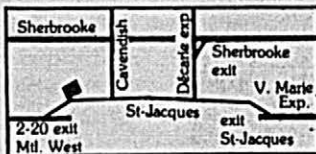
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